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**BRASS KNOB MISSION 3542**  
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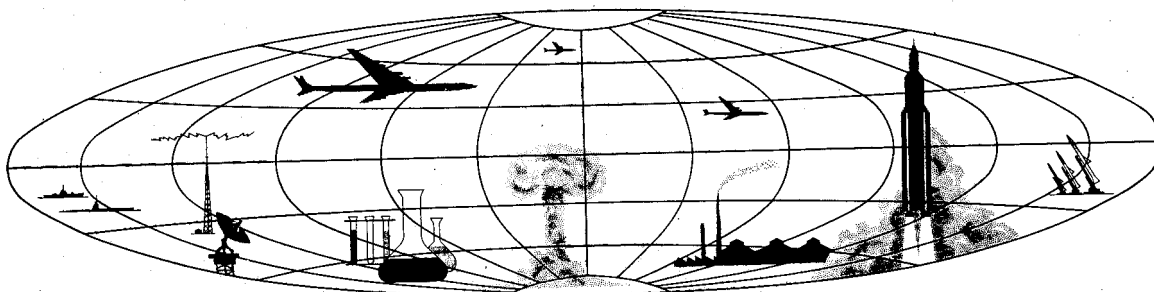


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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3542, DATED 8 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE 2241N 08355W

SIX REVETTED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS,  
5 CANVAS-COVERED TRANSPORTERS, AND AN  
OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE.

25X1D

LA COLOMA SAM SITE 2218N 08332W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA  
VISIBLE.

25X1D

25X1A

MATANZAS SAM SITE 2301N 08129W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS AND A CANVAS-COVERED  
GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N 08317W

SITE ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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25X1A

HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SIX LAUNCHERS AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

LOS ANGELES SAM SITE 2100N 07541W

SIX LAUNCHERS, 6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND  
AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE.

25X1D

MANZANILLO SAM SITE 2018N 07706W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 11 MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS (8 WITH PRIME-MOVERS), AND AN OCCUPIED  
GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

MANATI SAM SITE 2113N 07702W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 2 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS,  
AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE REVETMENT.

25X1D

CHAMBAS SAM SITE 2213N 07853W

LAUNCHERS AND POSSIBLY GUIDANCE EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN  
REMOVED FROM THE SITE AND ARE SCATTERED IN A FIELD  
APPROXIMATELY 300 YARDS TO THE NORTH.  
OBLIQUITY AND SCATTERED CLOUDS PRECLUDE FURTHER  
INTERPRETATION.

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ESMERALDA SAM SITE 2155N 07813W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE  
AREA OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2003N 07553W

AREA CONTAINS NUMEROUS TRANSPORTERS, MISSILE  
CANISTERS, AND OTHER VEHICLES.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

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CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE 2142N 07850W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNRETTED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED  
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2152N 07844W

SITE CONTAINS 23 GUIDELINE TRANSPORTERS (19  
WITH PRIME-MOVERS), 6 PROBABLE LOWBOY TRAILERS, AND  
APPROXIMATELY 40 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES AND PIECES OF  
EQUIPMENT.

25X1D

VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2104N 07700W

AT LEAST 6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

MALDONADO SAM SITE 2012N 07528W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS (3 WITH MISSILES),  
8 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A

CAMAGUEY AIRFIELD SAM SITE 2122N 07750W

FIVE LAUNCHERS, 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS,  
AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES A MORE DETAILED  
INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SITE COMPLETE.  
NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT VISIBLE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CERCA DE PIEDRA, SUSPECT SAM SUPPORT AREA 2004N 07551W

SEE SANTIAGO DE CUBA, SAM ASSEMBLY AREA.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

BANES CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2058N 07538W

TWO CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED  
MISSILE CRATES, 2 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND  
APPROXIMATELY 20 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES VISIBLE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- 9 FAGOT/FRESCO OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE  
AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2125N 07751W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE CRATE AND 2 FAGOT/FRESCO.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

LOS CANOS AIRFIELD 2004N 07509W

NO AIRCRAFT VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

ANTONIO MACEDO AIRFIELD 1958N 07550W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 18 FISHBED, ONE FARMER, AND 5 FAGOT/FRESCO  
OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 3 DC-4 AND 4 C-46 VISIBLE  
IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1A

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 PROBABLE CRATE, 2 PROBABLE CAB, AND  
6 PROBABLE COLT VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES MORE DETAILED  
INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE CRATE OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

ONE FREIGHTER OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

BANES PORT 2055N 07542W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

BARACOA PORT 2021N 07430W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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MANZANILLO PORT 2021N 07707W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT VISIBLE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MOA PORT 2039N 07454W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT 2001N 07550W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AND 2 TANKERS.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

VESSELS -- NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE  
AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

VESSELS -- ONE PROBABLE TANKER AT POL WHARF.



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[REDACTED] 25X1D

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JUCARO PORT 2137N 07851W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SANTA LUCIA PORT 2240N 08358W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE  
AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

AT LEAST 19 LARGE AND 2 SMALL VESSELS VISIBLE.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES MORE DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

ONE LARGE FREIGHTER OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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[REDACTED]

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BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

25X1D

PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

GUANTANAMO AREA 1 2005N 07523W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

25X1D

MANZANILLO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2017N 07706W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
SITE CONTAINS 19 TANKS/SP GUNS, 12 POSSIBLE AAA OR  
FA PIECES, AND NUMEROUS OTHER VEHICLES.

[REDACTED]

25X1D

CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 1 2121N 07751W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 60 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

25X1D

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY 2221N 07957W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
EIGHTEEN VEHICLES VISIBLE.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A  
[REDACTED]

LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES OF MAIN CAMP.  
OBLIQUITY AND CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDE A VEHICLE COUNT.  
APPROXIMATELY 18 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 25 OTHER VEHICLES  
VISIBLE IN AREA 0.5 NM WEST OF MAIN CAMP.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A  
[REDACTED]

CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2126N 07753W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. SEVENTEEN  
VEHICLES OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

EL CRISTO, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2007N 07546W

INSTALLATION CONTAINS EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY AND  
NUMEROUS TRENCHES AND GUN POSITIONS. SMALL GROUPS OF  
VEHICLES ARE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A  
[REDACTED]

CASCAJAL, MILITARY AREA 2240N 08031W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY VISIBLE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

LOMAS DE CRISTO, MILITARY AREA 2006N 07546W

SEE EL CRISTO, MILITARY INSTALLATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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LAGUNA SIGUA, MILITARY AREA 1954N 07531W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY VISIBLE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

NUMEROUS UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES VISIBLE.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES AT STORAGE SITES.  
APPROXIMATELY 30 VEHICLES VISIBLE IN HEADQUARTERS  
AREA.

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SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W

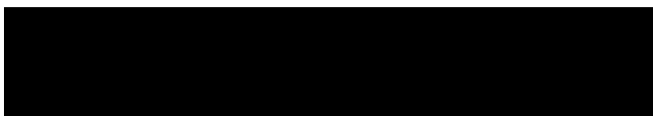
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN AREA.  
FIFTEEN VEHICLES VISIBLE.

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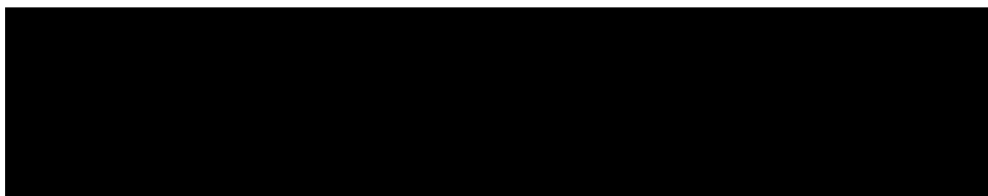
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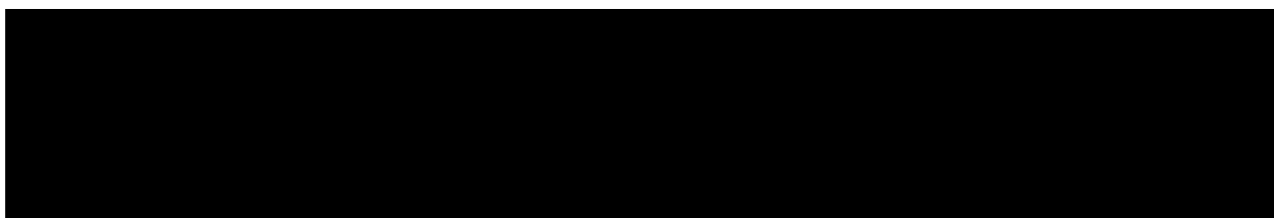
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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

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CHAPARRA SAM SITE	2107N 07626W
SENADO SAM SITE	2136N 07733W
PRESTON AIRFIELD	2044N 07539W
PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD	2225N 08341W
EL JUCARO, MILITARY AREA	2051N 07543W
MESTANZA, EXPLOSIVE STORAGE SITE	2228N 08347W
SIBONEY LANDING BEACH	1957N 07542W
PLAYA YATERITAS LANDING BEACH	1958N 07457W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH	2301N 08126W
MAR VERDE LANDING BEACH	1957N 07557W
NICARO LANDING BEACH	2042N 07533W

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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W
TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES	2303N 08207W

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SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE  
CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE  
GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE  
SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD SAM SITE  
MARIEL SAM SITE  
CAIBARIEN SAM SITE  
SANCTI SPIRITUS SAM SITE  
SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM SITE  
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA  
HOLGUIN AIRFIELD  
CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD  
SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD  
MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION  
TRINIDAD AIRFIELD  
PUNTA ALEGRE PORT  
ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP  
CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP  
REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP  
SAN GERMAN AREA, MILITARY CAMP  
ALTO CEDRO, ARTILLERY TRAINING AREA  
MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA  
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP  
TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX  
VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS, MILITARY CAMP  
MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP  
NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA  
CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP  
BAJURAYABO AREA MILITARY CAMP  
GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA  
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL  
SPECIAL AREA TANGO

2309N 08156W  
2306N 08211W  
2300N 08250W  
2205N 08409W  
2300N 08249W  
2228N 07929W  
2147N 07929W  
1959N 07550W  
2257N 08221W  
2048N 07618W  
2307N 08117W  
2206N 08409W  
2300N 08246W  
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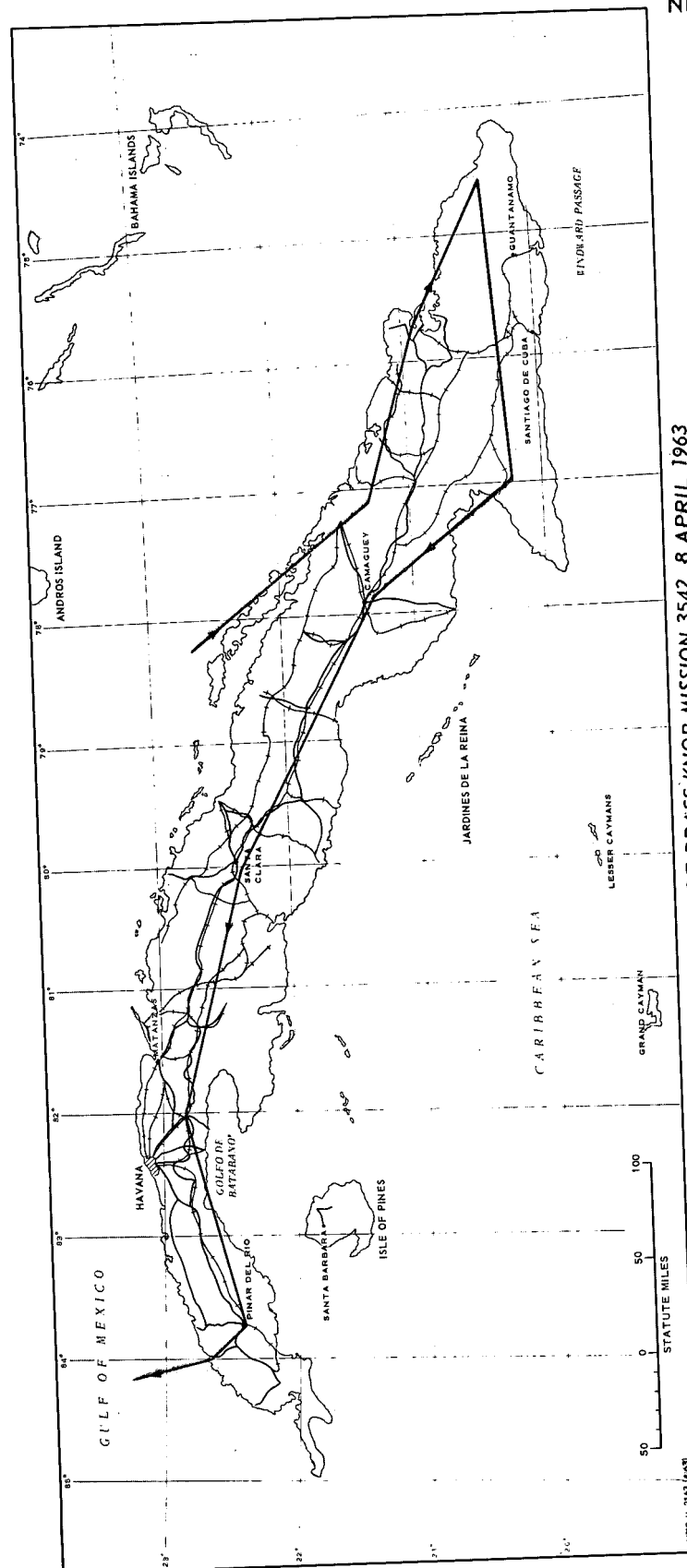
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APPROXIMATE TRACK OF BRASS KNOB MISSION 3542, 8 APRIL 1963